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A PLEA FOR DEMOCRATIC UNITY

Joseph F. Dutton of Forestville has made, in the Hartford Times, an earnest plea for Democratic unity in Connecticut. He says:

It is up to the Democratic party to get together and take advantage of present conditions. We want a live issue and a good standard-bearer. The issue has itself been presented to us by the recent Republican legislature. And as to the leader, great care should be taken in selecting one who would stand for true Democracy as well as appeal to the young element.

It is a fact that not for a decade or more have conditions so favored the Democratic party, and a further fact is that never before has the State so urgently needed the success of that party. Under Republican rule, expenditures have increased so heavily as to compel a resort to new taxes which, according to Tax Commissioner Corbin, will probably be insufficient to carry the burden; the people's demand for relief from corporate exactions has been turned down. Two matters suffice to conclusively prove Republican incompetency. That party has degenerated into the mere tool of big corporations and is clearly unable to reform itself.

Democratic unity is demanded imperatively by the existing conditions. It is possible of attainment. Past differences, the causes of which no longer exist, should be forgotten, as we believe they will be. Candidates can be found who will represent the people and their interests. But to effect unity and secure proper nominations, the causes and primaries must be closely watched.

The "third degree," a police method of extracting damaging admissions from persons accused or suspected of crime, has been made a felony in Colorado. H. B. Kelly of Denver, the author of the law declares it "concededly unlawful under the Constitution and laws of the United States and of every State in the Union." This "third-degree" practice is an importation from France. In reality, however, it is a relic of the barbarism of centuries ago. It is wholly inconsistent with the legal principle that no man need incriminate himself, and should be abolished, as it has been in Colorado. In fact, the courts are already beginning to look with disfavor, and even with discredit, upon admissions and confessions alleged to have been made by accused persons under the rigors of the "third degree."

Not long ago, Gov. Johnson of Minnesota declared that the East "had shackled the West." Now Senator Gore of Oklahoma asserts that "the shifting of operations in this country is the shifting of the Mississippi Valley" and that "when this power comes to the West, as it will in a decade, it will not be misused to the prejudice of the East as the power of the East has been used to the prejudice of the West," but "will be used for the country's good."

This is a prevalent opinion throughout the Middle West and, to a considerable extent, in the South. It is based largely upon Congressional treatment of the tariff question, and it indicates, that eventually this issue will become sectional in character. Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island virtually constructed the new tariff and he took special care of Eastern interests, particularly the cotton and woolen manufacturers. It is to his success in manipulating the duties that the Middle West takes exception, and he is, in their view, the East.

The report of the National Conservation Commission deals at some length with the subject of waterway improvement. It holds that a broad plan should be immediately adopted and followed to completion. The report says:

The first requisite for waterway improvement is the control of the waters in such manner as to reduce floods and regulate the regimen of the navigable rivers. The second requisite is the development of terminals and connections in such manner as to regulate commerce.

In considering the uses and benefits to be derived from the waters, the paramount use should be water supply; next should follow navigation in humid regions and irrigation in arid regions. The development of power on the navigable and source streams should be co-ordinated with the primary and secondary uses of the waters. Other things equal, the development of power should be encouraged, not only to reduce the drain on other resources, but because property designed reservoirs and power plants in the run-off and so aid in the control of the streams for navigation and other uses.

This report will undoubtedly be considered at the coming four-day session of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways association, as there is a somewhat close connection between the two matters.

DISCLOSES SEX, FORFEITS FORTUNE
Runaway Girl Says Mother Forced Her to Pose as Boy for 19 Years.

FLEES TO WEAR DRESSES

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sept. 9.—A young woman, whose name is Fred Adams has appealed to the police of Council Bluffs for protection and for permission to wear girls' clothing. She said that all her life she had been forced to wear boys' clothes and to pose as a boy. She is 19 years old. The deception was practiced, she says, in order that when she became of age she would inherit a large amount of money, payable only to a male heir.

The girl says she lived on a farm near Sioux City and ran away from there yesterday to escape being obliged to wear male attire. She is now in the hands of the police here and has been given suitable clothing.

According to the girl, her father died before she was born, first telling her mother that should the expected child be a boy he would inherit a large inheritance upon attaining his majority. If a girl, the inheritance would go to others. The family lived in Plainfield, N. J., and moved West. This was done, the daughter says, to conceal her sex. All of her life the girl has dressed as a boy and her name was Fred. Her only name is "Fred." Tiring of dressing as a boy she determined to leave her home. She says she has made efforts to escape to the city, but was not successful until yesterday.

Miss Adams will be cared for here and found such work as she can perform until her story is investigated. When she appeared in court at Police Headquarters she walked jauntily across the room, entirely at her ease. She seated herself without embarrassment and crossed one knee over the other. She was attired in a natty blue serge suit, white shirt, black bow tie, blue socks, and patterned shoes. Her hair was cropped close.

ROBERTSON WINS BIG LOWELL RACE
His Fingers Glued to Wheel of Simplex Car as He Crosses Finish Line.

Lowell, Mass., Sept. 9.—His face plastered with oil-soaked dust and his gloved fingers almost glued to the wheel of his Simplex car, George Robertson, premier racing driver of America, drove to victory in the National Stock Chassis competition over the Merrimack Valley course here yesterday afternoon. For nearly six hours the intrepid driver had sat at the wheel of his metal racer, pushing through the lane of people lining the 10.6 mile course and when the machine darted over the finish line, having covered 318 miles with an average speed of 54.32 miles an hour, Robertson was so exhausted he could hardly stand.

It was a popular and well-earned victory, as evidenced by the thunderous applause and cheering that greeted the winner. Tired as he was, Robertson could not suppress a smile of satisfaction at the evaluation and the intense expression of his face relaxed until the coating of dust cracked like baked clay. Robertson's time for the race was 5:21:01 2-5. Al Poole, in a Gott-Fraser, was second to cross the line, his time being 6:13:37 1-5, while E. H. Parker, in a Fiat, finished third in 6:22:21 2-5. Bobby Burman, in a Buick, crossed the line fourth in 6:25:44, and Charles Basie, in a Renault, was fifth.

FARMER POET LEAVES \$900,662

New York, Sept. 9.—Bloodgood H. Cutter known as the farmer-poet, and one of the innocents who went abroad on the Quaker City with Mark Twain, was almost a millionaire when he died about a year ago at the Cutter home in Little Neck, L. I. Judge Harrison S. Moore, attorney for the executor of the estate, yesterday filed with the Surrogate of Nassau County in Mineola, L. I., an accounting giving the net value of the Cutter estate as \$900,662.

Of this amount the American Bible Society, the largest beneficiary under the will, receives \$454,284. A favorite nephew, John Cutter of Bowdoinham, Me., got the Cutter farm at Little Neck, which has since been sold for \$200,000, and other relatives received small bequests.

Mr. Cutter was 87 years old when he died. He began life coasting through Long Island Sound, and later inherited \$25,000. He never seemed to have a settled business, but went about the country breaking into Cuttersonian verse on all occasions. Long Island farmers are inclined to think there is money in poetry.

When it came to settling up his estate, his executor found that the farmer-poet, behind his many idiosyncrasies, possessed extraordinary ability. Up to the minute of his illness he had his affairs in methodical order so that the estate was closed with a total expense of only \$17,588. Among the effects were found \$111,500 in bonds of Southern States, issued during reconstruction days, which Mr. Cutter had bought for 15 cents at auction.

Mr. Cutter is buried in the burial ground surrounding Zion Episcopal church in Douglaston, L. I., close to the grave of his wife, who died many years ago. It was Mr. Cutter who penned these lines, which are on his wife's tombstone:

Oh! Bloodgood, Bloodgood do not weep,
First I was called in death to sleep;
Once did I think the time would come
When I'd weep for my Bloodgood's tomb.

CROP ESTIMATES BY GOVERNMENT

(Special from United Press.)
Washington, Sept. 9.—Crop estimates were announced by the Department of Agriculture, as follows:

Corn—Average condition on Sept. 1 was 74.6 per cent., as compared with 84.4 last month; 79.4 on Sept. 1, 1908; 80.2 on Sept. 1, 1907, and 80.6, the ten year average for the corresponding date.

Spring wheat—Average condition when harvested was 88.6 per cent., as compared with 91.6 last month; 77.8 when harvested in 1908; 77.1 in 1907, and a ten year average when harvested of 76.9.

Oats—Average condition when harvested was 83.3 per cent., as compared with 85.5 last month; 69.7 when harvested in 1908; 65.5 in 1907, and a ten year average when harvested of 73.3.

Timothy—Average condition on Sept. 1 was 80.2 per cent., as compared with 82.4 last month; 84.3 on Sept. 1, 1908; 82.5 in 1907, and a ten year average of 82.7 for the corresponding date.

Automobile Accidents.

The touring car of F. L. Dummell, of New York, who has a summer home on Redding Ridge, was badly damaged and its occupants were a momentary escape from serious injury on Sunday evening when the automobile ran off a bridge a short distance below Putnam Park. As Mr. Dummell's car approached the bridge another automobile came from the opposite direction. In attempting to turn out, the chauffeur of Mr. Dummell's car made a miscalculation or momentarily lost control of the car and it plunged into the guard rail at the side of the bridge, which gave way, and the forward part of the car went off the bridge. When the machine came to a standstill the front wheels were resting in the bed of the stream and one rear wheel was still upon the bridge. Two members of Mr. Dummell's family and two guests were passengers in the machine besides the chauffeur. None of the occupants of the car was thrown out of the machine. They were able to climb back to the bridge. The steering wheel was smashed and the chauffeur, who was the only one injured, was considerably bruised. The forward wheels of the automobile were badly broken.

John F. Tyson, of Greenwich, was injured rather painfully, Saturday evening, while driving his Isotta car, at Riverside. The car skidded in the sand, and turned turtle. Tyson and three friends who were with him were all more or less hurt. Three of Tyson's teeth were knocked out, and his shoulder was hurt. One of the women passengers, who was with them, was so badly crushed that it was thought for a time amputation would be necessary. The names of the other occupants of the car were withheld, but rumor had it that Fred Uthoff was the man and that the women were members of the Sound Beach summer colony.

Caught Large Eel.

Gilbert Orser, Jr., of Danbury, while fishing at Sodom pond, Tuesday, hooked an eel that tipped the scales at an even eight pounds. The fish measured 41-1/2 inches in length and was 11 inches in circumference.

N. Y. Wholesale Prices.

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POULTRY—Alive—Chickens, 17¢ @ 18¢; turkeys, 16¢ @ 17¢; geese, 14¢ @ 15¢; geese, 10¢ @ 11¢; guinea fowls, per pair, 50¢ @ 60¢; pigeons, per pair, 25¢ @ 30¢; geese, spring, with 20¢; dark, 15¢ @ 16¢; squabs, prime, large, white, per dozen, \$1.75 @ \$3.75; poor, dark, 1¢ @ \$1.50; guinea, spring, 3 lb and over to pair, per pair, \$1.

POULTRY—Dressed—Broilers, fancy, per pair, 40¢ @ 50¢; per lb. 20¢ @ 25¢; fowls, 4 lb and over to dozen, 18¢ @ 25¢; under 4 lb, 17¢ @ 18¢; turkeys, old, 18¢; spring, 12¢ @ 25¢; ducks, spring, 18¢; geese, spring, 12¢ @ 25¢; dark, 15¢ @ 16¢; squabs, prime, large, white, per dozen, \$1.75 @ \$3.75; poor, dark, 1¢ @ \$1.50; guinea, spring, 3 lb and over to pair, per pair, \$1.

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